



**In re Applicant:**

GLOVER, JOHN N.

Filed: May 27, 1999

Application No.: 09/320, 950

For: FILTERING MEDIUM AND \$  
METHOD FOR CONTACTING SOLIDS \$  
CONTAINING FEEDS FOR CHEMICAL \$  
REACTORS \$

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## AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 7, 2001, Applicant files the following Amendment and Response. Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

## IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claim 46 as follows:

46. (Amended) A method of fluid distribution in a chemical reactor comprising the steps of:

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- (a) providing a layer of ceramic filter units, at least some of the ceramic filter units having a plurality of openings extending therethrough, and at least some of the openings having a shape selected from the group consisting of ellipses and trisoids, at least some of the ceramic filter units having a plurality of flow passageways defined by the plurality of openings extending through the ceramic filter units;
  - (b) contacting an organic-based feed stream with the layer of ceramic filter units; and